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FLORIDA ENERGY COMMISSION GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ADVISORY GROUP TO MEET IN TALLAHASSEE

The Florida Energy Commission's Generation and Transmission Advisory Group will hold its first meeting March 14 in Tallahassee at the Joseph P. Cresse Hearing Room, located at the Betty Easley Conference Center in the Capitol Circle Office Complex at 4075 Esplanade Way.

The meeting's purpose is to give Florida's people, businesses and its energy community face-to-face time with Commission members to share their ideas for creating a better way to generate and transmit power in Florida.

"We want to make it possible for any Floridian who wants to talk to the Commission about the best ways to generate and deliver power to have the chance to do so," said Commissioner Sam Bell, chairman of the Generation & Transmission Advisory Group. "The Commission wants and needs to know what Floridians think about how their power is produced, and how they receive it."

During its meeting, the Generation and Transmission Advisory Group will address items in its preliminary scope, including maintaining adequate supplies of electricity and motor-vehicle fuels, consumer energy-efficiency incentives, and meeting generation and transmission goals with the least detriment to the environment. Future meeting logistics and agendas also will be discussed.

The Generation and Transmission Advisory Group is one of four subgroups the FEC created at its inaugural Feb. 9 meeting to further explore issues relating to the generation, delivery and supply of electricity in Florida as it relates to preserving public health and natural resources, and accommodating growth management. Its

members' areas of expertise include electric generation and transmission, alternative generation, conventional and transportation fuels, natural gas, regulation, the environment and consumer advocacy.

“The reliability, efficiency and supply of electricity are major factors in our energy future,” Commissioner Bell said. “Rain or shine, regardless of Florida’s growing population, expecting the light to come on when you flip the switch should be the standard, not a luxury.”

The Florida Energy Commission is a nine-member panel jointly appointed by the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives. It is charged with recommending to the Florida Legislature the best ways to secure Florida’s energy future using the guiding principles of reliability, efficiency, affordability and diversity.

By Dec. 31, the FEC will develop a report that will document its progress, and make the first of an ongoing series of recommendations designed to help guide the Florida Legislature in choosing best practices and options for Florida’s energy future.

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